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SUBJECT: JAPAN/KOREA PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AGREEMENT

1. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS FROM CONCERNED AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANIES THAT ROKG IS CONSIDERING PRECIPITOUS UNILATERAL ACTION IF JAPAN DOES NOT PASS IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION THIS SUMMER ON JOINT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AGREEMENT. ONE COMPANY REPORTS ROKG WILL REQUIRE U.S. COMPANIES TO BEGIN EXPLORATION IMMEDIATELY (IN THE ABSENCE OF A JAPAN/KOREA AGREEMENT) OR LOSE ITS EXPLORATION RIGHTS, AND ANOTHER REPORTS ROKG WILL TAKE BACK CONCESSION. BOTH COMPANIES REPORT THAT MINISTER CHANG YE-CHUN HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH TOP CORPORATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER DURING HIS U.S. VISIT.

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2. FOR SEOUL: WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO ACT HASTILY ON THE BASIS OF RUMORS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE DIET MAY YET PASS THE LEGISLATION THIS SESSION, WE ARE NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT THE ROKG MAY BE CONSIDERING UNILATERAL ACTION WHICH COULD PUT THE U.S. CONCESSIONAIRES IN AN UNTENABLE

POSITION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN
GENERATE ON ROKG INTENTIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE
TO CHANG'S FORTHCOMING U.S. VISIT. ON THE BASIS OF
INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER RAISING
THIS ISSUE WITH CHANG.

3. FOR TOKYO: WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON CURRENT STATUS
OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IN JAPANESE DIET AND
YOUR EVALUATION OF THE CHANCES FOR RAPID PASSAGE. SEOUL
CAN USE YOUR LATEST INFORMATION IN MAKING
REPRESENTATIONS TO ROKG. CHRISTOPHER

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